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TITLE OF INVENTION: HETERODIAMONDOIDS

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 38 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 38 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability	Examiner	Art Unit			
	Robert Shiao	1626			
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.  1. This communication is responsive to responses filed on 08/19, 2005.  2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, 26-37, now are 1-24.					
<ul> <li>3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some* c) None of the:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> </ul>					
* Certified copies not received:  Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.					
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be subm INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which give	itted. Note the attached EXAMINER es reason(s) why the oath or declara	'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF atlon is deficient.			
<ul> <li>5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.</li> <li>(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached</li> <li>1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.</li> </ul>					
Attachment(s)  1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/O Paper No./Mail Date  4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	6. ⊠ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Da 08), 7. ⊠ Examiner's Amendr	Patent Application (PTO-152)  (PTO-413),  te ment/Comment  ent of Reasons for Allowance			

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This application claims benefit of the provisional application: 60/397,367 with a filing date 07/18/2002.

2. Amendment of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, 26-31, and 33-37, and cancellation of claims 7-8, 12, 16-25 in the amendment filed on August 19, 2005, is acknowledged. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 are pending in the application.

# Responses to Amendment/Arguments

- 3. Since limitation of "heterodiamondoid" (i.e., formula (I)) and "replaced by a heteroatom" has been incorporated into the claims, therefore, rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been overcome, in part, in the amendment filed on August 19, 2005.
- 4. Applicant's arguments regarding rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37, i.e., having limitation of "higher diamondoid nucleus" of formula (I), under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, filed on August 19, 2005, have been fully considered and they are persuasive. The limitation "higher diamondoid nucleus" of formula (I)" has been found on the specification, i.e., page 25, lines 19-26, and the application No. 10/046,486 (now is US 6,858,700). Therefore, rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37, i.e., having limitation of "higher diamondoid nucleus" of formula (I), under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn herein. Since claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 have been cancelled, therefore, rejection of claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is obviated herein.

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5. Rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been overcome in the amendment filed on August 19, 2005. Since claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 have been cancelled, therefore, rejection of claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is obviated herein.

6. Since the provisional rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 under obviousness-type double patenting over Liu et al. copending Application No.10/622,046, is the only remaining rejection, therefore, rejection of claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 under obviousness-type double patenting, is withdrawn herein. Since claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 have been cancelled, therefore, rejection of claims 7-8, 12, 16-21 under obviousness-type double patenting, is obviated herein.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Melissa M. Hayworth on September 29, 2005. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 6, lines 1-2, after "of claim 1", delete "comprising two or more", and insert --having from two to twenty--

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In claim 34, line 3, after "hydroxyalkyl;", delete "heteroaryl;"

In claim 34, line 4, after "aminoalkoxy;", delete "heterocycloalkoxy;"

In claim 34, line 5, after "aryoxy;", delete "heteroaryloxy;"

In claim 34, lines 5-7, after "-C(O)Z", delete "wherein Z is hydrogen, alkyl, halo,

haloalkyl, halothio, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino,

cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl"

In claim 34, line 9, after "heteroalkyl,", insert

--or--

In claim 34, line 9, after "aryl", delete ", or heteroaryl"

In claim 34, line 11, after "aryl", delete ", heteroaryl,"

In claim 34, line 12, before "aralkyl", insert

--and--

In claim 34, line 12, after "aralkyl", delete ", and heteroaraylkyl"

In claim 34, line 14, after "aryl,", delete ", and heteroaryl,"

In claim 34, line 14, after "aralkyl,", delete ", and"

In claim 34, line 15, delete "heteroaralkyl", and insert

--, wherein Z is hydrogen, alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, halothio, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, cycloalkyl, or aryl--

### Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious

over the art of record, and therefore are allowable. This invention relates to heterodiamondoids. The closest reference is Chapman et al. US 5,019,660, discloses diamondoid polymeric compositions. The difference between Chapman et al. and instant claims is that the instant compounds of formula (I) are not found in Chapman et al. Suggestion for modification of above record to obtain the instant claimed compounds has not been found. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-15, and 26-37 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Conclusions

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Shiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Joseph K. McKane Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 1626

Robert Shiao, Ph.D. Patent Examiner Art Unit 1626

September 29, 2005

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	Robert Shiao	1626		
All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO	personnel):			
(1) Robert Shiao.	(3)			
(2) Melissa M. Hayworth.	(4)			
Date of Interview: 29 September 2005.	·			
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant	2)☐ applicant's representative	e]		
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)□ No.			
Claim(s) discussed: 6 and 34.				
Identification of prior art discussed:				
Agreement with respect to the claims f)⊠ was reached. g	ı)□ was not reached. h)□ N	N/A.		
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Examiner's signature, if required

#### **Summary of Record of Interview Requirements**

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

## Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by
  attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does
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- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
  - (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

#### **Examiner to Check for Accuracy**

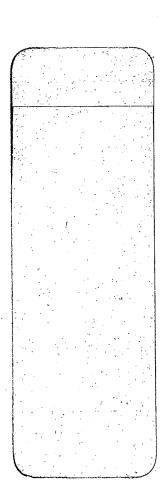
If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.



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